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The Price of Beauty

SACRAMENTO – On Tuesday, April 10th the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a press conference to unveil a new study that illustrates the need for better testing and accurate labeling of nail polish.

DTSC scientists have discovered that despite their labels claiming otherwise, some mainstream nail care products sold in Northern California contain high levels of hazardous chemicals. These chemicals have been linked to cancer, birth defects, asthma and other chronic health conditions.

These products are typically found in many of California's estimated 48,000 nail salons and are sold directly to consumers.

The findings highlight the need for DTSC's proposed [Safer Consumer Products Regulations](#) which would catalyze efforts to remove unsafe ingredients from consumer goods.

Who:

- Karl Palmer, DTSC
- Julia Liou, California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative
- Sushma Bhatia, San Francisco, Department of the Environment
- Lisa Archer, Campaign for Safe Cosmetics

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 10 a.m.

Where: Laney College, School of Cosmetology, Room B100, 900 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA 94607

PLEASE RSVP: Accredited members of the media who would like to attend should email cfadipe@dtsc.ca.gov. Following the press event, there will be a media conference call at 11:15 a.m. to brief accredited reporters who cannot physically attend. Call (866) 812-3992, Pass code: 559454

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FOR GENERAL INQUIRIES: Contact the Department of Toxic Substances Control by phone at (800) 728-6942 or visit www.dtsc.ca.gov. To report illegal handling, discharge, or disposal of hazardous waste, call the Waste Alert Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

The Mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated properties, identifying and promoting safer ingredients in consumer products, and ensuring stewardship through enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.